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Dear Fee-For-Service Network Provider:

As you may be aware, the Department of Mental Health's (DMH's) electronic health record, the Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS), will be implemented during 2014. Once the IBHIS is up and running, the last day to submit new claims into the Integrated System (IS) will be published. IBHIS will replace the IS, which is scheduled for termination on December 31, 2014.

An initial group of providers will be identified to submit their current claims into the IBHIS system and be the first to get acclimated to the new system. We will be contacting you later this month regarding your participation. Once IBHIS is implemented, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) will be the only way claims, clinical and other administrative data will be able to be submitted. Claim submitters will need to be EDI IBHIS HIPAA 5010 certified. The initial group of providers is scheduled to begin using the new IBHIS in October or November 2013.

We would welcome your being one of our early adopters. The advantage of being part of this initial group is that DMH will be providing substantial support to ensure that there will be a smooth transition. There will also be the opportunity for you to provide valuable feedback shaping the new process.

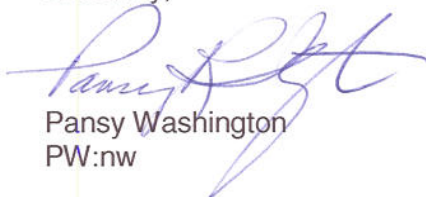
Using the IBHIS will require those using an electronic health records system (EHRS) to interface electronically with our new web service. If you are not using an EHRS, you may need to acquire software to communicate with the new web service.

To become EDI IBHIS HIPAA 5010 Certified, an EDI Registration Packet and Process must be completed. This can be downloaded at: http://lacdmh.lacounty.gov/hipaa/ffs_EDI_Forms.htm. The Test Digital Certificate Process and Schedule is available at:

http://lacdmh.lacounty.gov/hipaa/documents/Test_DC_Request_Process_and_Schedule.pdf

Please discuss this information with your billers and grant them permission to discuss this process with us in more detail. We are looking forward to working with you in the implementation of what promises to be a state-of-the-art system. Should you wish to discuss this in greater detail, please contact Becky Pang of my staff at (213) 738-2627.

Sincerely,



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